



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 13, 1998

H.R. 3069 **Advisory Council on California Indian Policy** **Extension Act of 1997**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 25, 1998

SUMMARY

H.R. 3069 would extend, until March 31, 2000, the authority of the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy (ACCIP). The bill also would expand the duties of the council.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3069 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would affect direct spending and receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that any such effects would be insignificant. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) and would impose no costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Current law authorizes the ACCIP to operate until 180 days after it has submitted a report, made recommendations, and provided certain information to the Congress and to the Secretaries of the Interior and Health and Human Services. Because the council completed these reporting requirements on September 30, 1997, its operating authority terminated under current law at the end of March 1998. H.R. 3069 would extend the authority of the ACCIP to operate until March 31, 2000, and expand the duties of the council.

Current law authorizes the appropriation of \$700,000 for the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy. H.R. 3069 would not amend that authorization. The total amount authorized has already been appropriated for the council, and according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the council has spent nearly all of its allotted funds. Based on information from BIA, CBO estimates that continued operation of the ACCIP would cost an additional \$100,000 per year for the next two years, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The ACCIP can accept and spend private donations. Donations collected under this authority count as governmental receipts and their expenditure counts as direct spending. By extending the authority of the council to operate until March 31, 2000, H.R. 3069 also would extend the council's authority to accept and spend donations. CBO estimates that any new collections of receipts would be insignificant.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

Section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. H.R. 3069 could affect both direct spending and receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates, however, that any changes in receipts from donations to the ACCIP and consequent changes in direct spending would both be insignificant.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3069 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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